

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAR - BENCH - MEDIA CONFERENCE

A meeting of the Bar-Bench-Media Conference was held on Thursday, February 3, 1994 at 1:30 p.m. in the Supreme Court Conference Room in the Carvel State Office Building in Wilmington. The meeting was open to the public. Notice of the meeting had been posted. The members of the Conference in attendance were:

Members from the Print News Media

Ms. Tamra Brittingham
Ms. Rita Katz Farrell
Mr. John Sweeney

Members from the Electronic News Media

Ms. Marilyn Buerkle
Mr. Alan Loudell
Mr. William D. Osborne
Mr. Michael Sigman

Members from the Bench

Vice Chancellor Jack B. Jacobs
Judge Jay Paul James
Judge Roderick R. McKelvie
President Judge Henry duPont Ridgely

Members from the Bar

Harvey B. Rubenstein, Esquire
Mary B. Sherlock, Esquire

William Osborne called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The need to replace Bob Mercer as a member of the Electronic News Media group was discussed. Bob is unable to make the time commitment to the Conference because of professional obligations at WDEL. Dennis Jones of WDOV radio was named to replace Bob.

President Judge Ridgely's draft rule for the expanded electronic news media coverage of trial courts was discussed. The proposed rule was based on rules from Iowa and Arizona as well as a suggestion from Rosemary Killian. Amendments were made to the draft, and the draft rule was approved by the Conference. The Conference asked President Judge Ridgely to put the rule in final form and send it to Bill Osborne for submission to the Delaware Supreme Court with an appropriate cover letter.

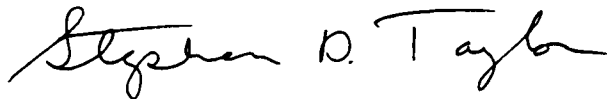
Harvey Rubenstein reported that the by-laws committee had not met and any activity of that committee should be deferred until the issue of expanded electronic news media coverage of the trial courts was resolved.

Vice Chancellor Jacobs discussed the progress of the committee planning a program on technology in the courts for presentation at the Bar-Bench Conference in June. He indicated that the program was in the conceptual phase

with a plan to have three one hour segments. One segment would concern the rule adopted by the Supreme Court on the expanded electronic news media coverage of trial courts. Another segment would concern technology in the courtroom of the future. A third segment would be on ethical considerations concerning new technologies being introduced into the courtroom and expanded electronic news media coverage of the trial courts.

The next meeting of the Bench-Bar Media Conference is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. in Family Court Building in Dover.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen D. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Date: March 31, 1994